(a) whether Government is considering an ad hoc subsidy to DAP to adjust to international price movements;

(b) whether levying customs duty on imported DAP is being considered; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to remove distortions in the consumption of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A concession of Rs. 1000/per tonne is being given on sale of indigenous DAP to the farmers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In order to encourage increased use of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers and to improve the nutrient balance, the scheme of special concession on sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers has been continued since 1992-93. During 1994-95, the price of urea was also increased by 20%, correcting, to some extent, the imbalance in the pricing of Nitrogen(N) and other nutrients namely, Phosphate(P) and Potash(K).

Registration of Coconut Farmers

1218. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is likely to be introduced by the Coconut Development Board to register all conconut farmers in the country;

(b) whether any such survey has been conducted by the Coconut Development Board to establish the number of coconut farmers; and

(c) if so, the details of coconut farmers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) At present, there is no proposal to register all coconut farmers in the country by the Coconut Development Board.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Exposing Fake Universities through Media

1219. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to use print and electronic media to announce the names of such fake Universities and about their illegal degrees/ diplomas every day to safeguard the interests of students;

(b) whether Government propose to issue instructions in this regard at the earliest possible preferably the following day when the courses to be conducted by such fake Universities are published through media; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), information regarding fake universities was published in leading national newspapers on 13th July, 1995 based on a Press release of University Grants Commission with a view to cautioning unsuspecting students. This was also broadcast on Electronic Media such as T.V. & Radio on 12th July, 1995. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has informed that the information on the functioning of fake institutions/universities is released at regular intervals in the "Employment News' for the guidance of the student community. AIU produces extensive literature on the recognised institutions/ courses offered in the country for the benefit of students and others. The Association issues "Notifications' from time to time in "Employment News', "University News' and daily newspapers informing the students who ascertain the position on the standing of fake institutions from them. A large number of enquiries received in response to these notifications are also responded expeditiously by AIU.